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HONEY MARKET FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2003
IN VOLUMES OF 10,000 POUNDS OR GREATER UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Prices paid to beekeepers for extracted, unprocessed honey in major producing states by packers, handlers & other large users, cents per pound, f.o.b. or delivered nearby, containers exchanged or returned, prompt delivery & payment unless otherwise stated.

ARKANSAS	- Soybean, light amber, \$1.30 (small lot)
CALIFORNIA	- Sage/Orange/Cotton, extra light amber, \$1.30-1.35 - Sage/Orange, extra light amber, \$1.40
FLORIDA	- Brazilian Pepper, amber, \$1.40 - Gallberry, extra light amber, \$1.55 - Mixed Wildflowers, light amber, \$1.40 - Orange Blossom, extra light amber, \$1.40 - 1.60
<u>NEW CROP</u>	- Wildflowers, extra light amber, \$1.40
IDAHO	- Mint, light amber, \$1.25 - - - Mint, dark amber, 85¢
ILLINOIS	- Clover, white, \$1.35
NORTH DAKOTA	- Alfalfa, extra light amber, \$1.25 (small lot) - Alfalfa, light amber, \$1.05 (small lot) - Clover, white, \$1.60
SOUTH DAKOTA	- Clover, white, \$1.55 - 1.60
TEXAS	- Floral Not Reported, light amber, \$1.40
UTAH	- Floral Not Reported, light amber, \$1.50
WASHINGTON	- Mint, light amber, \$1.25 - - - Mint, dark amber, 85¢ - Mixed Flowers, extra light amber, \$1.25 (small lot) - Mixed Flowers, amber, \$1.00

WISCONSIN - Clover, white, \$1.35 - 1.60

WYOMING - Floral Not Reported, white, \$1.50

Prices paid to Canadian beekeepers for unprocessed bulk honey by packers & importers in U.S. currency, f.o.b. shipping point, containers included unless otherwise stated. Duty & crossing charges extra. Cents per pound.

ALBERTA - Alfalfa, white, \$1.60

Prices paid to importers for bulk honey, duty paid, containers included, cents per pound ex-dock or point of entry unless otherwise stated.

EAST COAST.....CHILE - Mixed Flowers, light amber, \$1.40
 HUNGARY - Floral Not Reported, white, \$1.43
 URUGUAY - Mixed Flowers, extra light amber, \$1.45
 VIETNAM - Mixed Flowers, light amber, \$1.30

WEST COAST..... CHINA - Mixed Flowers, white, \$1.19
 MEXICO - Mixed Flowers, extra light & light amber, \$1.25
 THAILAND - Mixed Flowers, extra light amber, \$1.50 (small lot)

COLONY, HONEY PLANT & MARKET CONDITIONS DURING FEBRUARY

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT – (MD, PA, VA, WV) uu

February brought our biggest recorded snowstorm ever and dumped approximately 28" throughout the region. Cold temperatures kept the snow from melting away. Beekeepers were busy attending industry meetings and preparing equipment for the upcoming season, as there was too much snow to do anything else.

CALIFORNIA uu

February began with sunny skies and near normal daytime temperatures but nighttime temperatures dropped well below normal. Bakersfield posted a minimum of 32 degrees on February 3rd and lows of 33 degrees on the 5th, 6th and 7th. Lancaster dropped to 14 and 16 degrees on the 6th and 7th. Other daily records for February 8th included 23 degrees in Paso Robles and 25 degrees in Redding. The cold temperatures did not last long enough to cause damage to the citrus and winter vegetables. A storm moved across the State the next week, bringing mild temperatures and heavy rains to southern counties. The heavy rain continued into the last three days of February, occasionally coming from thunderstorms. On the 25th, San Diego set a daily record when they received 1.48" of rain. The mild temperatures brought out the bloom in peach, plum, apricot, nectarine and almond trees.

By the end of February, most of the bees that were pollinating the almonds were removed from the orchards with the exception of a few later varieties. Frequent and sometimes strong winds blew some of the buds off the trees. The end of the bloom is about normal this year. Most of the bees came out of the almonds in good condition as rains and cool temperatures extended the bloom period. Some losses are being reported, potentially from a fungicide that has oil in it. Dead bees are being discovered right outside the hives and in some of the new

CALIFORNIA continued...

brood. Bees were being placed in soft fruit orchards or near fields of sage, which was starting to bloom a little early, but the plants very good. Buds on the orange trees were also beginning to bud.

Sales of beekeeping supplies also picked up last month. The rains caused some old boxes to get moldy so beekeepers were buying new ones. Most of the wax was being brought in to trade for supplies.

Movement of bulk honey was moderate as some packers are still using previously purchased honey when prices were lower.

COLORADO 111

The average snow packs statewide have gone up nearly 10% during the past week as most areas in the mountains have received 1 to 2 feet of new snow. A few spots in the northern mountains received more than 4 feet of snow in the last week. Colorado statewide is now about 80 to 85% of normal snow pack but reservoirs still are about 1.7 million acre-feet below normal. Temperatures remained about normal, but the additional moisture has been a welcome relief.

With the drought and restrictions on cheaper imports causing a price increase of raw honey, some honey packers are now selling wild agave nectar from Mexico to supplement their demand for honey within the state. Beekeepers around the state are repairing and cleaning the holding yards in preparation for the spring.

FLORIDA 111

At the state level, not a whole lot is happening right now. There are some buds that are showing white on naval orange trees, which are not good honey producers but they are the first citrus trees to bloom. Nothing is blooming right now except huckleberry in north Florida and willow in south Florida, which are good varieties to help build the bees up for the orange crop. Over the past 2 or 3 years the bloom came in a little too early but so far this season everything is more on schedule. Bees are in good shape except for the ones that have resistant mites.

The bulk price of honey has started going up again and it is currently at \$1.25 after selling for \$1.00 last month. Most of the statewide honey has already been sold and the price should be expected to continue to go up into the spring.

GEORGIA 111

Colonies around the state were in good condition. Hives were starting to build populations of young workers. Colonies were living off the remainder of stored honey or sugar syrup provided by beekeepers and starting to gather pollen from blooming red maple trees. Moisture levels were above average with temperatures starting to warm up after a colder than normal winter.

IDAHO 111

Most hives have been moved to California for the Almond blooms. Reports are that even though the weather has been wet and cool the bees are able to get out to pollinate. Some Beekeepers will be bringing the hives back for a short stay before moving them up to Washington for the apple season. Wholesale business seems to be fairly slow due to high asking prices, some food service companies are looking for alternative sources for their needs.

Retail business has remained moderate in spite of the higher prices.

ILLINOIS iii

The month of February was colder than previous winters due to previous years being milder than normal. Precipitation was heavy in central and southern sections where snowfall has been frequent. Southern counties had only two days of weather providing opportunity for cleansing flights. The second and third day of the month, temperatures reached 60 degrees. Northern and central sections reported no cleansing flights throughout the month. Some beekeepers reported no flights since the first week of January. The weather has not began the normal warm up and spring thaw in central and northern sections while southern section experienced a slow moderation of daytime temperatures. Temperatures for the month were generally in the high 30's to mid-forties in southern sections with single digit lows and highs in the teens over northern sections.

Beekeepers and the State Apiary Inspector expected heavier than normal bee losses due to February weather problems. Supplemental feeding of colonies was curtailed due to cold temperatures and heavy snow cover and many beekeepers have not started normal mite treatment.

Retail honey sales continued to be good. Wholesale and bulk movement of honey was slow due to little honey still in beekeepers hands.

INDIANA iii

The main activity of beekeepers was waiting on winter weather conditions to improve. Winter treatment had not begun prompting the State Apiary Inspector to voice concern of the state's bees. Colonies were expected to be found weak when beekeepers are able to open up their hives. The problems with mites, dysentery, and starvation are expected to be reported in the spring. Some losses in the northern section, particularly in the Fort Wayne area, beekeepers had seen losses of 50 percent due to mites and some additional losses due to dysentery.

Some beekeepers reported package queen prices were rising sharply and replacement package bees were becoming harder to locate than normal years. Beekeepers have begun making splits of colonies within local clubs to narrow the gap in queen and package supplies.

Very little carryover stores of honey were remaining in beekeepers hands and packer demand had been good due to rising prices in completing area.

MISSISSIPPI iii

Colonies around the state were in generally good condition. Hives were starting to build populations of young workers in all areas of the state. In the north portion of the state colonies were still living off the remainder of stored honey or sugar syrup provided by beekeepers while in the southern portion of the state blooming red maple trees and ti-ti (a bush found in marshy areas) were possible food sources. Moisture levels around the state were high to excessive due to cool, wet weather particularly in the northern portions of the state where the weather had slowed possible food gathering activity.

MISSOURI & IOWA iii

Weather during February has been cold and wet. Most of February has produced below normal temperatures on the exception of a few warm days this month. This last week of February has produced between 4-12 inches of snow with more expected going into early March. The bees have been fairly good so far this year. There is some concern with the bees. The queen is laying a little not as much because of weather conditions. If there continue to be a cold snap the bees will go into a cluster. If they go into the cluster with the weather we will have a slight lost of bees. If the weather stays cold as expected the beekeepers still should have a good population of bees. This winter so far has been cold with few cleansing days except for a few warm days this month.

MONTANA iii

Cold air overspread most of the state the first part of February. Temperatures as low as minus 10 degrees were reported in many areas. Light snow also fell, especially in the mountains. The frequent precipitation continued through the 22nd slightly improving topsoil moisture conditions. The month ended the way it started with temperatures the lowest in four to six years. Billings dropped to minus 17 degrees on the 24th and 25th, Wisdom set consecutive daily-record lows when they dropped to minus 49 and minus 41 degrees while West Yellowstone reported minus 45 to minus 42 degrees.

Migratory beekeepers were busy the end of February moving their bees out of the California almonds. Some were taken north to pollinate fruit trees in Washington while others were brought back to the state. They are reported to be in very good condition as they were inspected before they left California. A small amount of feed was added to hives where the bees had eaten more of their winter stores.

NORTH CAROLINA uu

Apiary activity remained slow during the month of February. For the most part, the month of February was colder than the past few years and a substantial amount of rain was received. Some signs of spring are showing up with some buds beginning to swell. Many areas are lifting water restrictions with the rain that has been received. However, many areas remain in a guarded position, continuing to implement water conservation should the drought continue. Beekeepers continue to inspect, feed and repair equipment.

OREGON uu

February was drier than the previous two months but temperatures were fairly normal. Migratory beekeepers began bringing their bees home from the almond pollination in California. Colonies were checked before they were moved for adequate feed. They are reported to be in very good condition as lots of nucs were made. As they were returned to the state, they were being placed in holding yards until the cherries start to bloom in the Dalles and Hood River area.

UTAH uu

Most hives have been moved to California for the Almond blooms. Reports are that even though the weather has been wet and cool the bees are able to get out to pollinate. Some Beekeepers will be bringing the hives back for a short stay before moving them up to Washington for the apple season. Wholesale business seems to be fairly slow due to high asking prices, some food service companies are looking for alternative sources for their needs. Retail business has remained moderate in spite of the higher prices.

WASHINGTON uu

Precipitation was below normal across the state while temperatures were fairly mild for February. December to January precipitation totals exceeded 100% of normal in many areas, especially in Eastern Washington. February's below normal precipitation has further dimmed the outlook for summer water supplies, especially in the Yakima Valley and Columbia Basin in Central Washington. The coming season is not expected to be as bad as the drought that occurred in 2001 when some irrigators received just 37% of a full supply of irrigation water. There is still time to improve the outlook depending on the weather in March. Additional snow in the mountains is needed. Including February's low snowfall, precipitation for the season is at 78.3% of average. Water content in the mountain snow pack ranges from 64-74%.

In Western Washington, the lack of rain and mild temperatures allowed the bees many days for cleansing flights. They had no problem finding pollen and nectar as most ornamental trees and spring flowers were in full bloom.

WASHINGTON continued

Migratory beekeepers spent at least a couple of weeks the end of February in California. As the almond bloom ended, the bees were checked for size and evened out when necessary. Some feed was also added before they were transported back to Washington. Bees were already pollinating apricots in the Columbia Basin and lower Yakima Valley, which is almost two weeks ahead of last year.

WISCONSIN III

The temperatures for the month of February were about normal. Precipitation for the month was fairly light in southern counties while heavier amounts of snowfall were reported in northern Wisconsin. Beekeepers are expecting some over-wintering losses due to being unable to spring treat for mites, due to cold temperatures and wind. The State Apiary Inspector reported beekeepers have estimated over-wintering kill as much as 40-75% which is much higher than previous years.

No cleansing flights over the month were observed due to cold temperatures and high winds. Beekeepers expressed concern with dysentery problems but are waiting for the weather to break so colonies can be further examined and the extent of the problem can better be assessed.

Retail and wholesale honey sales have been fairly good.

U. S. EXPORTS OF HONEY BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, QUANTITY & VALUE

	<u>DECEMBER 2002</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE 2002</u>	
	QUANTITY Kilograms	VALUE Dollars	QUANTITY Kilograms	VALUE Dollars
COMB HONEY & HONEY PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE ----- DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE				
Mexico	---	---	40,661	53,327
Bermuda	---	---	2,364	10,289
Cayman Islands	---	---	1,500	3,480
Barbados	---	---	2,012	5,720
N. Antilles	---	---	5,188	17,642
Surinam	---	---	844	2,646
United Kingdom	---	---	18,659	42,250
Netherlands	---	---	1,843	9,202
Belgium	---	---	3,736	4,900
France	1,761	6,000	3,757	15,083
Germany	---	---	30,869	61,014
Kuwait	---	---	135,230	303,933
Saudi Arabia	---	---	171,702	368,861
Qatar	---	---	3,270	9,028
Arab Emirates	---	---	82,772	242,966
Yemen	---	---	180,789	381,300
Bahrain	6,975	20,066	11,051	31,539
Pakistan	38,006	56,041	54,856	72,693
Malaysia	---	---	7,385	9,686
Singapore	2,135	2,800	2,135	2,800
Philippines	38,507	107,617	221,004	509,397
China	828	2,860	14,619	38,167
Korean Republic	---	---	147,857	193,947
Hong Kong	---	---	2,546	7,280
Taiwan	---	---	6,958	14,681
Japan	110,008	144,300	218,994	401,412
TOTAL	198,220	339,684	1,372,595	2,816,243

EXPORTS continued...

HONEY, NATURAL, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED			DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE	
Canada	26,242	48,139	592,231	1,192,404
Mexico	---	---	221,646	355,467
Costa Rica	---	---	17,145	36,018
Bermuda	---	---	2,022	6,080
Bahamas	682	3,072	2,221	8,434
Cayman	---	---	2,784	7,755
Barbados	---	---	917	2,845
Aruba	---	---	1,000	3,375
Guadalupe	---	---	6,036	19,255
Sweden	---	---	20,376	35,276
United Kingdom	---	---	128,543	238,120
Ireland	---	---	287	3,138
Netherlands	7,780	10,205	7,780	10,205
France	1,000	6,020	3,407	8,988
Germany	---	---	7,768	10,246
Spain	---	---	1,996	5,808
Israel	---	---	1,200	8,724
Yemen	---	6,646	62,759	145,286
Pakistan	---	---	612	3,206
Thailand	---	---	16,329	37,440
Malaysia	---	---	37,725	81,526
Singapore	14,479	50,085	50,808	164,114
Indonesia	55,262	92,630	171,368	356,547
Philippines	---	---	39,935	80,935
China	27,558	39,337	263,146	313,451
Korean Republic	---	---	17,379	62,870
Japan	---	---	56,438	111,929
Australia	10,800	26,000	24,226	56,000
TOTAL	143,803	275,488	1,758,184	3,365,442
HONEY, NATURAL, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED			FOREIGN MERCHANDISE	
Canada	---	---	68,663	114,662
Mexico	---	---	39,562	70,767
Germany	---	---	10,839	10,246
Spain	44,928	89,366	177,696	357,464
China	---	---	118,320	123,250
Japan	---	---	597	3,300
TOTAL	44,928	89,366	415,677	679,689

U. S. IMPORTS OF HONEY BY COUNTRY, QUANTITY AND VALUE

COUNTRY	DECEMBER 2002			YEAR TO DATE 2002		
	QUANTITY kilograms	CUSTOMS VALUE dollars	C.I.F. VALUE dollars	QUANTITY kilograms	CUSTOMS VALUE dollars	C.I.F. VALUE dollars
NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - WHITE						
Canada	853,061	2,876,526	2,897,506	15,934,981	40,660,493	40,916,225
Mexico	---	---	---	1,320,109	3,487,224	3,558,001
Chile	19,475	47,715	49,619	730,256	1,138,673	1,190,726
Brazil	78,010	175,496	186,932	549,193	974,070	1,041,158
Uruguay	---	---	---	19,722	34,908	58,208

IMPORTS continued

Argentina	1,121,698	2,556,506	2,660,630	5,923,853	11,930,796	12,466,184
Denmark	---	---	---	26,794	61,349	65,392
United Kingdom	---	---	---	26,794	61,349	65,392
Germany	---	---	---	108,688	177,990	185,460
Czech Republic	---	---	---	35,511	53,637	57,374
Hungary	---	---	---	54,025	87,826	92,405
Poland	---	---	---	960	3,492	3,717
Russia	---	---	---	1,569	3,480	3,725
Ukraine	---	---	---	55,716	85,425	93,267
Moldova	56,070	129,104	133,630	56,070	129,104	133,630
Italy	---	---	---	3,130	18,641	20,061
Romania	---	---	---	115,372	181,499	192,486
Turkey	33,300	64,959	68,409	107,100	201,989	227,544
India	---	---	---	679,818	918,834	1,005,140
Pakistan	---	---	---	38,000	58,064	62,064
Thailand	---	---	---	985,780	1,188,800	1,272,426
Vietnam	94,150	157,634	170,560	1,506,445	2,073,750	2,259,623
Malaysia	---	---	---	37,700	46,899	53,421
China, Mainland	114,550	109,449	121,487	1,819,876	1,930,312	2,104,394
Hong Kong	---	---	---	74,840	85,626	95,559
Australia	---	---	---	78,880	105,699	107,980
New Zealand	---	---	---	1,950	7,800	8,128
TOTAL	2,370,414	6,117,389	6,288,773	30,290,595	65,690,812	67,300,806

NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - EXTRA LIGHT AMBER

Canada	66,247	212,202	212,691	840,104	1,926,446	1,936,435
Mexico	---	---	---	945,002	1,619,645	1,681,489
Guatemala	---	---	---	20,100	24,657	26,733
Bahamas	---	---	---	9,802	16,799	17,338
Chile	38,311	98,308	101,170	579,366	901,780	935,588
Brazil	60,066	145,786	152,947	728,415	1,260,191	1,331,026
Uruguay	---	---	---	598,367	905,344	935,254
Argentina	100,624	234,992	243,764	878,563	1,921,543	1,998,280
France	1,000	7,017	7,846	1,000	7,017	7,846
Hungary	---	---	---	18,000	34,380	34,479
Ukraine	---	---	---	18,850	32,981	52,819
Spain	---	---	---	206,820	423,191	432,621
Greece	---	---	---	1,032	4,718	4,861
Bulgaria	---	---	---	18,523	38,700	40,690
Turkey	36,900	76,707	80,641	543,000	1,096,852	1,134,318
India	18,600	35,761	37,751	199,352	322,124	334,926
Pakistan	---	---	---	19,000	25,213	27,713
Thailand	---	---	---	1,909,940	2,234,531	2,462,584
Vietnam	---	---	---	2,671,500	3,031,413	3,215,277
Malaysia	---	---	---	216,920	249,127	281,226
China	118,320	154,486	165,648	1,203,538	1,266,628	1,390,390
Australia	---	---	---	296,480	370,943	398,984
TOTAL	440,068	965,259	1,002,458	11,923,674	17,714,223	18,680,877

NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - LIGHT AMBER

Canada	78,842	346,460	347,986	499,552	1,352,650	1,360,930
Mexico	376,690	993,078	1,017,306	6,633,184	11,315,991	11,719,757
Guatemala	---	---	---	129,120	204,573	216,317
Jamaica	---	---	---	6,480	19,552	21,052
Peru	88,172	153,234	177,016	363,011	583,532	630,388
Chile	8,672	21,605	22,507	1,318,300	1,920,993	2,032,393
Brazil	733,440	1,773,675	1,841,912	2,964,100	5,845,760	6,124,458

IMPORTS continued...

Uruguay	38,302	108,337	110,243	5,195,473	8,177,764	8,501,795
Argentina	159,266	394,609	403,906	1,599,120	3,555,423	3,666,433
United Kingdom	---	---	---	483	5,932	6,396
France	160	3,766	4,783	1,500	10,333	11,841
Germany	18,030	36,876	37,863	250,614	472,938	523,553
Hungary	---	---	---	95,265	205,996	220,588
Switzerland	---	---	---	75,400	117,975	121,078
Ukraine	73,377	125,785	133,191	123,344	234,075	248,085
Moldova	6,800	20,461	21,280	117,025	221,889	236,321
Spain	---	---	---	21,420	38,194	39,016
Italy	---	---	---	534	2,010	2,356
Romania	225,484	571,470	594,394	410,381	1,066,861	1,110,237
Bulgaria	57,040	111,253	123,472	96,017	172,353	185,307
Turkey	207,768	446,171	465,873	1,063,668	2,284,608	2,372,300
India	155,640	286,813	302,636	1,526,651	2,188,781	2,383,677
Burma	---	---	---	93,750	92,625	93,737
Thailand	34,800	57,420	60,620	1,529,568	1,837,811	1,922,789
Vietnam	207,900	337,410	363,835	10,177,845	12,932,935	14,043,732
Malaysia	93,940	111,655	127,387	685,540	807,698	885,460
China	194,300	300,324	323,014	4,647,582	4,681,190	5,062,723
Hong Kong	---	---	---	43,431	76,903	82,471
Taiwan	975	2,223	2,315	6,780	15,299	16,097
Australia	---	---	---	1,600,181	2,011,830	2,171,292
New Zealand	---	---	---	600	3,806	3,865
TOTAL	2,759,598	6,202,625	6,481,539	41,275,919	62,458,280	66,016,444

NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE – NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INDICATED

Canada	21,896	61,896	63,096	626,179	1,221,667	1,231,701
Mexico	334,550	842,717	846,417	2,603,008	5,657,690	5,738,193
Dom. Republic	19,597	21,907	25,242	98,788	111,447	120,629
Brazil	95,422	238,644	1,120,176	1,120,176	2,161,707	2,251,346
Argentina	81,327	146,389	153,889	290,111	436,781	458,959
United Kingdom	---	---	---	1,210	8,243	8,727
France	1,500	7,991	8,210	6,438	30,303	33,158
Germany	---	---	---	143,620	205,749	214,444
Australia	---	---	---	12,241	69,358	74,646
Switzerland	---	---	---	12,335	86,737	89,845
Poland	---	---	---	1,080	2,634	2,946
Ukraine	---	---	---	17,091	33,358	37,258
Italy	1,000	6,189	6,343	36,076	90,762	95,469
Greece	---	---	---	835	6,680	7,135
Bulgaria	---	---	---	18,000	45,100	46,800
Turkey	---	---	---	578	3,960	5,099
Israel	---	---	---	860	3,227	3,727
Jordan	---	---	---	1,200	4,950	5,138
India	---	---	---	56,430	84,081	90,081
Bangladesh	---	---	---	504	7,372	9,072
Thailand	---	---	---	19,720	26,961	44,214
Malaysia	---	---	---	98,600	113,681	122,809
China	---	---	---	59,160	49,298	56,903
Hong Kong	---	---	---	3,906	5,147	6,397
Taiwan	9,000	8,742	9,435	16,092	39,411	41,221
Australia	---	---	---	324,880	403,290	430,947
TOTAL	564,292	1,334,415	1,361,276	5,568,118	10,909,594	11,226,864

SOURCE: U. S. CENSUS BUREAU FOREIGN TRADE DIVISION

HONEY PRICES RECORD HIGH

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2002 to 128.6 cents, up 83% from 70.4 cents in 2001. Prices are based on retail sales by Producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Honey prices for 2002 were higher than the previous year for all color classes. Some 2001 crop honey was sold at the higher prices in 2002, which caused some revisions to the 2001 crop prices.

PRICE BY COLOR CLASS, UNITED STATES, 2001-02

Color Class	P r i c e						
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	: Co-op and Private		: Retail		: All		
	: 2001	: 2002	: 2001	: 2002	: 2001	: 2002	
	Cents per Pound						
Water White-Extra White-White	: 68.7	: 136.1	: 133.6	: 146.3	: 70.6	: 136.4	
Extra Light Amber	: 66.9	: 123.0	: 132.0	: 131.0	: 70.5	: 123.5	
Light Amber-Amber-Dark Amber	: 62.3	: 115.1	: 150.8	: 149.9	: 69.5	: 118.7	
All Other Honey -	: 64.5	: 111.1	: 160.4	: 187.9	: 80.9	: 120.6	
Area Specialties	: 64.5	: 111.1	: 160.4	: 187.9	: 80.9	: 120.6	
All Honey	: 66.6	: 127.5	: 142.0	: 145.4	: 70.4	: 128.6	

UNITED STATES HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 8%

Honey production in 2002 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 171 million pounds, down 8% from 2001. There were 2.52 million colonies producing honey in 2002, up 1% from 2001. Yield per colony averaged 67.8 pounds, down 8% from the 74.0 pounds in 2001. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 39.0 million pounds on December 15, 2002, down 40% from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

SOURCE: USDA, NASS

Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price & Value by State and United States, 2002 1/

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production: Dec 15	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production	
	1,000	Pounds	-- 1,000 Pounds --	Cents	1,000	
AL	12	86	1,032	103	1,146	
AZ	38	63	2,394	1,197	2,633	
AR	55	88	4,840	1,065	6,002	
CA	440	53	23,320	3,498	30,083	
CO	24	60	1,440	576	1,757	
FL	220	93	20,460	2,026	22,915	
GA	50	52	2,600	52	2,860	
HI	7	136	952	29	1,047	
ID	100	57	5,700	1,653	7,695	
IL	9	80	720	130	1,022	
IN	8	62	496	233	565	
IA	33	70	2,310	901	3,165	
KS	17	52	884	407	1,379	
KY	3	54	162	47	267	
LA	35	124	4,340	347	4,948	
ME	11	41	451	266	546	
MD	3	46	138	21	242	
MI	72	77	5,544	1,885	7,429	
MN	117	73	8,541	1,110	12,128	
MS	18	78	1,404	281	1,657	
MO	18	53	954	200	1,307	
MT	134	63	8,442	1,097	11,397	
NE	43	75	3,225	1,161	4,676	
NV	9	62	558	61	1,267	
NJ	10	35	350	74	343	
NM	11	44	484	252	528	
NY	60	98	5,880	2,470	6,880	
NC	14	51	714	86	971	
ND	320	75	24,000	8,160	34,080	
OH	16	81	1,296	518	1,814	
OK	3	53	159	51	254	
OR	39	49	1,911	803	2,446	
PA	18	57	1,026	513	1,334	
SC	5	94	470	14	588	
SD	225	51	11,475	2,410	16,065	
TN	8	61	488	137	669	
TX	114	67	7,638	985	8,325	
UT	22	59	1,298	208	1,674	
VT	7	89	623	274	741	
VA	7	38	266	69	495	
WA	44	51	2,244	494	2,805	
WV	9	51	459	151	629	
WI	70	95	6,650	2,461	8,645	
WY	38	63	2,394	383	3,328	
Oth States 4/5/	8	51	408	188	891	
U.S. TOTAL 5/	2,524	67.8	171,140	39,047	128.6	221,638

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

2/ Stocks held by producers. 3/ Prices weighted by sales.

4/ CT, DE, MA, NH, and RI not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

5/ Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price & Value by State and United States, 2001 1/

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production: Dec 15	Average Price per Pound 2/	Value of Production	
	1,000	Pounds	-- 1,000 Pounds --	Cents	1,000	
AL	14	73	1,022	235	72	736
AZ	43	59	2,537	1,142	72	1,827
AR	58	98	5,684	1,876	65	3,695
CA	425	65	27,625	7,735	69	19,061
CO	26	55	1,430	529	71	1,015
FL	220	100	22,000	3,432	64	14,080
GA	55	57	3,135	188	70	2,195
HI	8	87	696	84	87	606
ID	100	46	4,600	1,610	67	3,082
IL	6	76	456	251	158	720
IN	7	76	532	186	92	489
IA	33	51	1,683	875	75	1,262
KS	13	51	663	530	96	636
KY	3	78	234	94	141	330
LA	45	106	4,770	572	60	2,862
ME	11	20	220	106	79	174
MD	4	46	184	55	160	294
MI	76	60	4,560	2,827	81	3,694
MN	135	81	10,935	1,859	65	7,108
MS	17	66	1,122	224	89	999
MO	25	61	1,525	381	71	1,083
MT	136	102	13,872	4,578	67	9,294
NE	43	48	2,064	1,115	72	1,486
NV	9	50	450	36	214	963
NJ	11	34	374	71	85	318
NM	10	70	700	350	66	462
NY	53	70	3,710	1,781	79	2,931
NC	13	44	572	172	148	847
ND	280	96	26,880	9,408	69	18,547
OH	16	81	1,296	505	101	1,309
OK	4	47	188	105	143	269
OR	44	44	1,936	1,200	74	1,433
PA	17	57	969	514	92	891
SC	7	40	280	67	79	221
SD	235	65	15,275	12,220	71	10,845
TN	8	59	472	131	139	656
TX	97	79	7,663	1,533	65	4,981
UT	23	38	874	315	65	568
VT	7	81	567	249	92	522
VA	9	52	468	94	126	590
WA	42	52	2,184	917	72	1,572
WV	7	65	455	410	142	646
WI	67	81	5,427	3,419	82	4,450
WY	38	77	2,926	468	65	1,902
Oth States 4/5/	6	41	246	107	233	574
U.S. TOTAL 5/	2,506	74.0	185,461	64,556	70.4	132,225

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